

What's Happening on SR-68 (Redwood Road)?

Frequently Asked Questions - Project Basics

How long is the project and where does it start and stop?

The SR-68 Design/Build will widen and improve the roadway between Bangerter Highway in Bluffdale and 400 South in Saratoga Springs. This is a distance of just more than 10 miles.

What will the road look like when it is done?

The project will widen SR-68 to five lanes - two lanes in each direction with a center turn lane. The roadway shoulders will also be widened for safety. The shoulder will include a dedicated bike lane on each side of the road.

Curb, gutter and sidewalk will also be added in Bluffdale between Bangerter Highway and approximately 15000 South. South of this point, sidewalk will be replaced where it currently exists, but no new sidewalk is planned. New curb, gutter and sidewalk in the Saratoga Springs area is planned to be installed as development occurs.

How long will the project last?

Construction is expected to last from April 2008 to fall of 2009.

What is a Design/Build? Why is UDOT doing it?

In a typical transportation project, once environmental work has been cleared, UDOT will fully design a project before bidding it out to the contracting community for construction. Placing these processes in sequence on a project of this size can often require a year or more for design and then multiple years for construction.

In a Design/Build, the processes of design and construction are overlapped. Final design work is completed for a specific area within the work zone. Construction then begins in that area, and final design focuses on other areas of the project. As design is finalized along the route, construction moves to those areas. This process continues until the project is complete.

By overlapping these two phases of a project, UDOT can complete roadway improvements much more quickly. Given the many transportation needs in the northwest part of Utah County and the southwest part of Salt Lake County, UDOT decided to construct the SR-68 project as a Design/Build to reduce the time necessary to build the improvements by nearly a year.